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TO CAPTURE AN HEIRESS

An Interesting Adventure In the Career of Captain Kettle.

By CUTCLIFFE HYNE.

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The Parakeet had discharged the last of her coal into the lighters alongside, had cast off from the mooring buoys and was steaming out of the baking heat of Suez harbor on her way down toward the worse heat of the Red sea beyond.

A passenger, a young man of eight or nine and twenty, lounged on a camp stool under the upper bridge awning and watched the Parakeet's captain as he walked briskly across and across, and presently, when the little sailor faced him, he nodded as though he had decided something that was in his thoughts.

"Well, sir?" said Captain Kettle.

"I wish you wouldn't look so anxious. We've started now and may as well make up our minds to go through it comfortably."

"Quite so," said Kettle. "I'm thinking out how we are to do this business in comfort and safety." And with that he resumed his walk.

The man beside him had introduced himself when the black workers were carrying the Parakeet's cargo of coal in baskets from the holds to the lighters alongside, and Kettle had been rather startled to find that he carried a letter of introduction from the steamboat's owners. The letter gave him no choice of procedure. It stated with clearness that Mr. Hugh Wenlock, solicitor, had laid his wishes before them and that they had agreed to further these wishes through the agency of their servant, Captain Owen Kettle, in consideration of the payment of £200.

The Parakeet was a cargo tramp and carried no passenger certificate, but a letter of recommendation like this was equivalent to a direct order, and Kettle signed Mr. Wenlock on to his crew list as "doctor" and put to sea with an anxious mind.

Wenlock waited awhile, watching squalid Suez sink into the sea behind, and then he spoke again.

"Look here, captain," he said: "Those south Arabian ports have got a lot worse reputation than they really deserve. The people down there 20 years ago were a pack of pirates, I'll grant you, but nowadays they've got the fear of the gunboat always handy, and that's a wonderful civilizing power. I tell you, captain, you needn't be frightened; that pirate business is exploded for now and always."

"I know all about the piratical hankerings of those south Arabian niggers, sir," said Kettle stiffly, "and I know what they can do and what they can't do as well as any man living. And I know also what I can do myself at a push, and the knowledge leaves me pretty comfortable. But if you choose to think me frightened I'll own that I am. It's the navigation down there that gave me cold shivers the first moment you mentioned it."

"Why, it's no worse than the Red sea here anyway."

"The Red sea's bad, but you can get good charts of it and rely on them. South Arabian coast is no better, and the charts aren't worth the paper they are printed on."

"I wouldn't like you to wreck the steamer down there. It might be awkward for me getting back."

"Quite so," said Kettle. "You're thinking of yourself, and I don't blame you. I'm thinking of myself also. I'm a man that's met with a great deal of misfortune, sir, and from one thing and another I've been eight years without a regular command. I had the luck to bring in a derelict the other day and pocket a good salvage out of her, and my present owners heard of it, and they put me as master of this steamer, just because of that luck. I am not anxious to pile up this steamboat on some uncharted reef."

"I'm as keen as you are not to get the steamer wrecked, and if there's any way she can be kept out of a dangerous area, and you can manage to set me ashore where I want in a boat, just you say, and I'll meet you all I can. But at the same time, skipper, if you don't mind doing a swap, you might give me a good deal of help over my matter in return."

"I haven't heard your business yet, sir. All you've told me is that you want to be set down in this place, Dunkhot, and be taken off again after you've staid there four and twenty hours."

"Well, you see, I didn't want it talked over beforehand. If the newspapers got hold of the yarn and made a lot of fuss about it, they might upset a certain marriage that I've very much set my heart upon."

Captain Kettle looked puzzled. "I don't seem to quite follow you, sir."

"You shall hear the tale from the beginning. We have plenty of time ahead of us just now. You remember the wreck of the Rangoon?"

"She was coming home from East Indian ports, wasn't she, and got on fire somewhere off Cape Guardafui? Only about ten of her people saved, if I remember."

"That's about right," said Wenlock. "It's 25 years ago now. Among others lost was a Colonel Anderson and his wife and their child, Teresa, aged 4, and what made their deaths all the more sad was the fact that Anderson's elder brother died just a week before, and he would have come home to find a peerage and large estates waiting for him."

"I can feel for that man," said Kettle.

"I can feel most for the daughter," said Wenlock.

"How do you mean, sir?"

"Well, Colonel Anderson's dead and his wife's dead, but the daughter isn't, or at any rate she was very much alive 12 months ago; that's all. The whole lot of them, with others, got into one of the Rangoon's boats, and after frizzling about at sea till they were nearly starved got chucked on that south Arabian coast, which you say is so rocky and dangerous, and were drowned; all barring Teresa, that is. She was pulled out of the water by the local niggers and was brought up by them, and I've absolutely certain information that not a year ago she was living in Dunkhot, as quite a big personage in her way."

"And she's 'my lady' now, if she only knew?"

"Well, not that. The title doesn't descend in the female line. But Colonel Anderson made a will in her favor after she was born, and the present earl, who's got the estates, would have to shell out if she turned up again."

"My owners in their letter mentioned that you were a solicitor. Then you are employed by his lordship, sir?"

Mr. Wenlock laughed. "Not much," he said. "I'm on my own hook. Why, hang it all, captain, you must see that no man of his own free will would be idiot enough to resurrect a long forgotten niece just to make himself into a [illegible] began."

"I don't see why not, sir, if he got to know she was alive. Some men have consciences, and even a lord, I suppose, is a man."

"This present earl has far too good a time of it to worry about running a conscience. No, I bet he fights like a thief for the plunder, however clear a case we have to show him. And as he's the man in possession and has

"I shall marry the fair Teresa."

plenty of ready cash for law expenses, the odds are he'll turn out too big to worry at through all the courts, and we shall compromise. I'd like that best myself. Cash down has a desirable feel about it."

"It has, sir," said Kettle, with a reminiscent sigh. "But will the other relatives of the young lady, those that are employing you, I mean, agree to that?"

"Don't I tell you, captain, I'm on my own hook? There are no other relatives, or at least none that would take a ha'porth of interest in Teresa's getting the estates. I've gone into the thing on sheer spec and for what I can make out of it, and that, please the Lord, will be the whole lump."

"But how? The young lady may give you something in her gratitude of course, but you can't expect it all."

"I do, though, and I'll tell you how I'm going to get it. I shall marry the fair Teresa. Simple as tumbling off a house."

Kettle drew himself up stiffly and walked to the other end of the bridge and began ostentatiously to look with a professional eye over his vessel.

"I don't like the idea of that sort of marriages," said the little sailor acidly.

Wenlock shrugged his shoulders good humoredly. "Neither do I, and if I were a rich man I wouldn't have dreamed of it. Just think of what the girl probably is. She's been with those niggers since she was quite a kid. Of course you'll say there's romance about the thing. But then I don't care tuppence about romance, and anyway, it's beastly uncomfortable to live with."

"I was not looking at that point of view."

"Let me tell you how I was fixed," said Wenlock, with a burst of confidence. "I'd a small capital. So I qualified as a solicitor and put up a door plate and waited for a practice. It didn't come. When the news of this girl Teresa came I tell you I just jumped at the chance. I don't want to marry her of course. There are ten other girls I'd rather have as a wife, but there was no other way out of the difficulty, so I just swallowed my squeamishness for good and always. See?"

"It was Miss Teresa Anderson I was pitying," said Kettle pointedly.

"Good Lord, man, why? Isn't it the finest thing in the world for her?"

"It might be fine to get away from where she is and land home to find a nice property waiting. But I don't care to see a woman have a husband forced on her. It would be nobler of you, Mr. Wenlock, to let the young lady get to England and look round her for awhile and make her own choice."

"I'm too hard up to be noble," said Wenlock dryly. "I've not come here on philanthropy, and marrying that girl is part of my business. Besides, hang it all, man, think of what she is, and think of what I am." He looked himself up and down with a half humorous smile.

"Still," said Kettle doggedly, "I don't like the idea of it."

"Then let me give you an inducement. I said I was not down here on philanthropy, and I don't suppose you are either. If you'll help this marriage on in the way I ask, I'll give you £50."

"There's no man living who could do more usefully with £50 if I saw my way to fingering it. I was wondering, sir, if I could earn it honorably. You must give me time to think this out, and I'll try and give you an answer after tea."

Captain Kettle had not seen necessary to mention the fact to Mr. Wenlock, but while that young man was talking of the Miss Teresa Anderson who at present was "quite a big personage in her way," a memory had come to him that he had heard of the lady before in somewhat less prosaic terms. All sailormen who have done business on the great sea highway between west and east during recent years have had the yarn given to them at one time or another, and most of them have regarded it as a gratuitous legend. Kettle was one of those. But he was beginning to think there was something more in it than a mere sailor's yarn, and he was anxious to see if there was any variance in the telling.

So he sent for Murray, his mate, made him sit, and commenced talk of a purely professional nature. Finally he said: "And since I saw you last the schedule's changed. We call in at Dunkhot for that passenger, Mr. Wenlock, to do some private business ashore before we go on to our Persian gulf ports."

Murray repeated the name thoughtfully. "Dunkhot? Let's see. That's on the south Arabian coast about a day's steam from Aden, and a beast of a place to get at, so I've heard. Oh, and, of course, that's the place where that she sultan or queen or whatever she calls herself is boss."

"So there is really a woman of that kind there? I'd heard of it [illegible] everybody else has, but I thought she was only a yarn."

"No, she's there in the flesh, sir, and enough lots of flesh, according to what I've gathered. A man on one of the B. and I. boats who'd been in Dunkhot told me about her only last year. She fights wars, leads her troops, cuts off heads and [illegible] the eastern potentate to the [illegible]. The same said she was English, [illegible] though I didn't believe much in that. Our south English would probably be more near the truth. [illegible] and those snuff and butter colored ladies, when they get among people blacker than themselves always try to [illegible] of the far [illegible]. The same said she was a big buffalo bull of a woman, with a terror of a temper. I don't know what's Mr. Wenlock's [illegible] make up his mind to square her first and foremost."

"Is she the head chief's favorite wife then?"

"That's the funny part of it, she isn't married. These orientals always get husbands early as a general thing, and you'd have thought they'd have married her to some one about the town whether she liked it or not. But it seems they didn't, because she said she'd certainly poison any man if they sent her into his zenana. Guess there wasn't any man about the place white enough to suit her taste."

Kettle went out then under the awnings of the bridge deck and told Wenlock that he would probably be able to earn his fee for helping on the marriage, and Wenlock confidently thought that he quite understood the situation.

"Skipper's a bit of a methody," thought Mr. Hugh Wenlock, "but if he gets me singly married to that little girl he'll be cheap at the price."

Dunkhot stood on an eminence, snugly walled and filled with cool, square houses. At one side the high minaret of a mosque stood up like a bayonet, and at the other, standing in a ring of garden, was a larger building, which seemed to call itself palace. The Parakeet lay to, rolling outside the entrance, flying a pilot jack and waiting developments.

Captain Kettle might have his disquieting thoughts; still outwardly he was cool. But Mr. Hugh Wenlock was on deck in the spruceest of his apparel and was visibly anxious and fidgety, as befitted a man who shortly expected to enter into the bonds of matrimony.

A double ended boat came off presently, manned by naked Arabs and steered by a man in white burnoose. She swept up alongside, caught a rope and made fast, and the man in white introduced himself as a pilot.

The pilot spoke some English. He could guide them through the reefs in the most complete of safety, he said, and he could guarantee fine openings for trade, once inside.

"I dare say," grunted Kettle under his breath; "but you're a heap too uncertificated for my taste."

Then he turned to Murray. "Now, look here, Mr. Mate, I'll leave you in charge. Don't let any of these niggers come on board on any pretense whatever, and if they try it on steam out to sea. I'll get through Mr. Wenlock's business ashore as quick as I can and perhaps pick up a ton or two of cargo for ourselves."

Below, the pilot clamored that a ladder might be thrown to him, so that he might come on board and take the Parakeet forthwith into the anchorage, and to him again Kettle turned and temporized. He must go ashore himself first, he said, and see what offer there was of trade before he took the steamer in, to which the pilot, though visibly disappointed, saw fit to agree.

"Now, sir," said Kettle to Wenlock, "into the boat with you. The less time that's wasted the better I shall be pleased."

"All right," said Wenlock, pointing to a big package on the deck. "Just tell some of your men to shove that case down into the boat, and I'm ready."

Kettle eyed the bulky box with disfavor. "What's in it?" he asked. "A present?"

"Well, of course, you must know, captain, it's occurred to me that Teresa is probably an occupant of somebody's harem and that I shall have to buy her off from her husband. Hence the case of rifles."

A queer look came over Captain Kettle's face. "And you'd still marry the woman if she had another husband living?"

"Of course. Haven't I told you that I've thought the whole thing thoroughly over already, and I'm not inclined to stick at trifles?"

"Very well," said Kettle. "Now, let me tell you, sir, for the last time that I don't like what you're going to do. To my mind it's a dirty thing marrying a woman that you evidently despise just for her money."

Wenlock flushed. "Look here," he said. "I refuse to be lectured, especially by you. Aren't you under promise to get £50 from me the moment I'm safely married? And didn't you fairly jump at the chance of fingering it?"

Captain Kettle merely smiled grimly and said, "Get down into the boat you and your case of rifles."

For the moment Wenlock started and hesitated. He seemed to detect something ominous in that order. But then he took a brace on his courage and, after a couple of deckhands had lowered the rifles into the dancing boat, he clambered gingerly down after them and sat himself beside the white robed man in the stern sheets. Kettle followed, and the boat headed off for the opening between the reefs.

The boat passed between the cluster of rugged shipping swaying at the anchorage, and Wenlock might have stared with curious eyes, had he been so minded, on real dhows which had even then got real slaves ready for market in their stuffy 'tween decks. Over the arch of the water gate, for which they were heading, was what at first appeared to be a frieze of small, rounded balls; but a nearer view resolved these into human heads in various stages of desiccation. Wenlock stared at the gate, with its dressing of heads, as though they fascinated him.

"And Teresa will have been brought up within sight of all this," Wenlock murmured to himself, "and will be accustomed to it. Fancy marrying a woman who has spent 24 years of her life in the neighborhood of all this savagery."

They passed in through the gate, the sentries staring at them curiously, and, once inside, in the full heat and smell of the narrow street beyond, Wenlock said: "Look here, skipper; you're resourceful, and you know these out of the way places. How had we better start to find the girl?"

Kettle glanced coolly round at the green buildings and the savage Arabs who jostled them and said with fine sarcasm: "Well, sir, if you'll take the tip from me, you'll crowd back to my steamboat as fast as you can go. You'll find it healthier."

"I'm going on with it," said Wenlock doggedly. "And I ask you to earn your £50 and give me help."

"Then, if you distinctly ask me to help you on into trouble like that, of course the best thing to do is to go straight on to the palace."

"Show the way, then," said Wenlock curtly.

Kettle gave the word to the white robed pilot, and together they set off down the narrow winding streets, with an ever increasing train of Arabs and negroes following in their wake. Wenlock said nothing as he walked, but it was evident from the working of his face that his mind was very full. But Kettle looked about him with open interest and thoughts in verse about this eastern town came to him with pleasant readiness.

The royal residence was the large building encircled with gardens which [illegible] from the sea, and they entered with little formality. There was no trouble either about obtaining an audience. Armed guards to the number of some 50 men were posted round the walls, and at the further end, apparently belonging to the civil population, were some dozen other men squatted on the floor. In the center of the room was a naked wretch in chains, but sentence was hurriedly pronounced on him, and he was hustled away as the two Englishmen entered, and they found themselves face to face with the only woman in the room, the supreme ruler of this savage south Arabian coast town.

She was seated on a raised divan, propped by cushions, and in front of her was a huge water pipe at which she occasionally took a meditative pull. She was dressed quite in oriental fashion, in trousers, zouave jacket, sash and all the rest of it, but she was unmistakably English in features, though strongly suggestive of the Boadicea. She was a large, heavily boned woman, enormously covered with flesh, and she dandled across her knees that very unfeminine scepter, an English cavalryman's sword. But the eye neglected these details and was irresistibly drawn by the strongness of her face. Even Kettle was almost awed by it.

But Captain Owen Kettle was not a man who could be kept in awe for long. He took off his helmet, marched briskly up toward the divan and bowed.

"Good afternoon, your ladyship," he said. "I trust I see you well. I'm Captain Kettle, master of that steamboat now lying in your roads, and this is Mr. Wenlock, a passenger of mine, who heard that you were English and has come to put you in the way of some property at home."

The lady sat more upright. "I am English," she said. "I was called in the giaour faith Teresa Anderson."

"That's the name," said Kettle. "Mr. Wenlock's come to take you away to step into a nice thing at home."

"I am emir here. Am I asked to be emir in your country?"

"Why, no," said Kettle. "That job's filled already, and we aren't thinking of making a change. Our present emir in England (who, by the way, is a lady like yourself) seems to suit us very well."

"I do not understand," said the woman. "I have not spoke your language since I was child. Speak what you say again."

"I'll leave it to Mr. Wenlock, your majesty, if you've no objections, as he's the party mostly interested. I see you don't mind smoke," he added and lit a fresh cheroot.

Now, it was clear from the attitude of the guards and the civilians present that Kettle was jostling heavily on court etiquette, and at first the lady emir was very clearly inclined to resent it and had sharp orders for his repression ready upon her lips. But she evidently changed her mind. In the meanwhile Mr. Wenlock was stating his case with small forensic eloquence. The sight of Miss Teresa Anderson in the flesh awed him. The woman before him, whose actual age was 28, looked 50 and even for a desperate man like himself was impossible as a wife in England. He felt daunted before her already.

But the lady emir looked on Wenlock in a very different way from that in which she had regarded Kettle. Mr. Wenlock possessed, as indeed he had himself pointed out on the Parakeet, a fine outward presence, and, in fact, anywhere he could have been remarked on as a personable man. The lady emir had not remained unmarried all these years through sheer distaste for matrimony. She had been celibate through an unconquerable pride of blood. Here, now, stood before her a male of her own race, handsome, upstanding and obviously impressed by her power and majesty. He would not rule her. He would not even attempt a mastery. She would still be emir and a wife. The chance had never occurred to her before; might never occur again. She was quick to make her decision.

Ruling potentates are not as other folk with their love affairs, and the lady emir of Dunkhot unconsciously fell in with the rule of her caste. The English speech, long disused, came to her unhandily, but the purport of what she said was plain. She made proclamation that the Englishman Wenlock should there and then become her husband, and let slaves fetch the mollah to unite them before the sun had dropped below another bar of the windows.

She did not ask her future husband's wishes or his permission. She simply stated her sovereign will and looked that it should be carried out forthwith.

For long enough Wenlock stood wordless in front of the divan, far more like a criminal than a prospective bridegroom. The lady, with the tube of the water pipe between her lips, puffed smoke and made no further speech. But at last Wenlock, as though wrenching himself into wakefulness out of some horrid dream, turned wildly to Kettle and in a torrent of words implored for rescue.

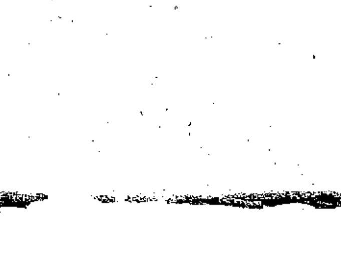
The little sailor heard him quite unmoved. "You asked my help," he said, "in a certain matter, and I've given it, and things have turned out just as I've guessed they would. You maundered about your dear Teresa on my steamboat till I was nearly sick, and, by James, you've got her now, and no error about it."

Now the lady emir was not listening to all this tirade by any means unmoved. Although she did not understand one word in ten of what was being spoken, she gathered the gist of it. She threw away the snaky stem of water pipe and gripped both hands on the trooper's sword till the muscles stood out in high relief.

"Do you say," she demanded, "you unwilling marry me?"

"Yes," said Wenlock, with sullen emphasis.

She turned her head and gave curt orders in Arabic. With marvelous readiness, though it was one of the regular [illegible] of the place, a couple of guards trundled a stained wooden block into the middle of the floor, another took his station beside it with an ominous ax poised over his shoulders, and, almost before Wenlock knew what was happening, he was pinned by a dozen more, pinioned at wrist and ankle and thrust down to kneel with his neck over the block.



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"I'm a British subject!" Wenlock shouted. "I've a foreign office passport in my pocket. I'll appeal to my government over this."

"My lad," said Kettle, "you won't have time to appeal. The lady isn't being funny. She means square biz. If you don't be sensible and see things in the same way she does, it'll be one chop, and what happens afterward won't interest you."

"Those spikes," said Wenlock faintly.

"Above the water gate?" said Kettle. "Queer, but the same thing occurred to me too. You'd feel a bit lonely stuck up there getting sun dried."

"I'll marry her."

With this Wenlock poured out all the pretty speeches which he had in store and which he had looked to use to this very woman under such very different circumstances. But he did not even suggest taking his future spouse back to England.

She, too, when she graciously pardoned his previous outburst, mentioned her decision on this matter also. "I am emir here," she said, "and I could not be emir in your England without many fights. So here I shall stay, and you with me."

The mollah had come in, and they were forthwith married, solemnly and irrevocably, according to the rights and ceremonies of the Mohammedan church as practiced in the kingdom of Dunkhot.

"And now, Mr. Wenlock, if you please," said Kettle, "as you're comfortably tied to the lady of your choice, I'll trouble you for that fee you promised."

"I'll see you in somewhere hotter than Arabia!" said the bridegroom, mopping his pale face.

"Now, look," said Kettle, "I'm not going to scrap with you here, and I don't want to break up this happy home with domestic unpleasantness, but if you don't hand me over that £50 I shall ask your good lady to get it for me."

Wenlock sullenly handed out a note.

"Thank you. I know you feel injured. If you don't quite like what's been done, you must remember that it's your own fault for not wording the agreement a bit more carefully. And now, as I seem to have got through my business here, if it's agreeable to all parties I'll be going. Goodby, Mrs. Wenlock, madam. Let me call you by your name for the first time."

The lady emir set back her great shoulders. "That is not my name," she said. "I am emir. My name does not change."

"Beg pardon," said Kettle. "He takes yours, does he? Didn't know that was the custom of this country. Well, good afternoon."

"But do you want no present?" said the lady.

"Thank you," said Kettle, with a cock of the head, "but I take presents from no one. What bit of a living I get, your ladyship, I earn."

"I do not understand. But you are sailor. You have sheep. You wish cargo?"

Captain Kettle snapped his fingers ecstatically. "Now, ma'am, there you've hit it. Cargo's what I do want. I'll have to tell you that freights are up a good deal just now, and you'll have to pay for accommodation."

"I do not understand."

"Of course you don't, your majesty. But just give me a line to the principal merchants in the town, saying that you'd like me to have a few tons of their stuff, and that'll do."

"You wish me write. I will write. Now we will wash hands, and there is banquet."

And so it came to pass that some 24 hours later Captain Kettle returned to the Parakeet, sun scorched and flushed with success, and relieved the anxious Murray from his watch. The mate was naturally curious to know what had happened ashore.

"Let me get a glass of Christian beer to wash all their sticky nastiness from my neck, and I'll tell you," said Kettle, and he did with fine detail and circumstance.

"Well, Wenlock's got his heiress anyway," said Murray, with a sigh, when the tale was over. "I suppose we may as well get under way now, sir?"

"Not much," said Kettle jubilantly. "Why, man, I've squeezed every ton of cargo they have in the place and stuck them for freights in a way that would surprise you. They daren't say no to any rate. Oh, I tell you that emir woman has a wonderful power over them. We'll open a market here and keep it all to ourselves. It'll be as good as a back yard gold mine. The bulk isn't much, of course, but you should see the freight. And mark you," said Kettle, hitting the table, "that or more will be here waiting for me every time I come, and no other skipper need apply."

"H'm!" said the mate thoughtfully. "But will Wenlock be as civil and limp next time you call, sir?"

Captain Kettle winked pleasantly and put a £50 note in his lockup drawer. "That's all right, my lad. No fear of Master Wenlock. If you'd seen the good lady, his wife, you'd know why. That's the man that went hunting an heiress, Mr. Murray, and, by the holy James, he's got her and no error."

A Remedy For Sciatica.

Here is a really old fashioned remedy. It is a grandmother's remedy, and the grandmother who believes in it is alive and recommends it personally. It is for sciatica.

Take equal parts of flour and red pepper and mix with vinegar. Make a paste of it and move it from place to place with the pain. "And if that does not help you then I am mistaken," concludes the grandmother. — New York Times.

The Only Word She Had.

"Don't tell me you won't," said an east side citizen to his 5-year-old daughter.

"Well, papa, what must I say when I mean I won't?"—Ohio State Journal.

The Abyssinians make a tea from the leaves of a certain plant which has such stimulating qualities that to chew a single leaf will produce all the effects of a strong cup of tea.

Geese are the emblems of conjugal bliss in China, and a pair of geese are considered a handsome present from a gentleman to the lady of his choice.

Some husbands suggest nothing so much as that more or less backbone came away with the rib that woman was made of.—Detroit Journal.

Eugene J. Hall, the poet and publisher says that one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice when hoarseness threatened to prevent his lecture at Central Music Hall, Chicago. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

A LUNATIC'S IMITATION.

It Lacked Finish and Got Himself and a Thief Into Trouble.

A Paris correspondent tells an interesting story of how a shop thief was captured recently at the Bon Marche in circumstances that in all probability are unique. One of the private detectives in the pay of the establishment noticed a man who, with the most barefaced effrontery, was appropriating articles of every description. The individual indeed seemed to make little or no attempt to keep his operations secret. He simply walked from counter to counter and filled his pockets with whatever attracted his fancy.

In spite of the strangeness of the man's proceedings there was nothing to be done but to have him arrested, and he was given into custody. His indignation was extreme. He protested that it was most unjust that he should be interfered with in this way when other people who were behaving in exactly the same manner were left unmolested, and he pointed to a stout gentleman of most respectable appearance who he asserted had been laying his hands on all sorts of goods without resorting to the formality of paying for them.

The policeman to whom he had been given in charge had been accustomed to listening to unconvincing explanations and took his prisoner to the station. A few minutes later the stout gentleman, also in the care of a policeman, arrived at the same destination. The detective, whose curiosity had been aroused, had watched the personage and had found it to be true that he was perpetrating theft after theft with the utmost dexterity.

After a short investigation he was recognized to be an expert and notorious shoplifter, whereas the prisoner first arrested proved to be a lunatic but recently discharged from an asylum, whose mania took the form of imitating any person who might happen to strike him. The professional thief was beside himself with rage at what he described as the bad luck of getting into trouble through the vagaries of a madman.

GLASS BULB BOMBS.

Scared the Man Who Used Them, but Vanquished the Burglar.

"Of all the outlandish weapons ever employed in a fight," said a business man of the south side, "I think I brought the most fantastic on record into play one night last week. My family is away on a visit at present, and I am keeping bachelor hall out at the house. On the night to which I refer I was aroused at about 3 a. m. by a noise somewhere in the region of the dining room, and, thinking I had shut up the dog there, I jumped up very foolishly and came down stairs in my nightclothes without so much as a pocketknife.

"When I opened the dining room door, I was startled to see a big, rough looking man bending over the sideboard at the far end of the room, and after we had stood there en tableau for a moment the fellow made a rush at me. I leaped back into the hall and glared around for a weapon. On a table near by were a dozen incandescent light bulbs, which I had brought home to replace some that had burned out, and purely by instinct I grabbed one of them and threw it at the burglar. It hit the door casing close to his head and, to my amazement, exploded with a noise like a young lyddite shell.

"I suppose it was a still greater surprise to the other fellow, for he let out a yell and broke for the rear, followed by a rapid fire bombardment of 16 candle power incandescents, which I continued to chuck at him as long as he remained in range. They smashed against the furniture with a series of crashes that alarmed the whole neighborhood, and I have been gathering up fragments of broken glass ever since.

"The burglar must have thought I was chasing him with hand grenades. It was the first time I ever knew incandescents made such a row when they broke. An electrician tells me it is caused by the air rushing into the vacuum."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

MINERS AND MORPHINE.

A Necessary Custom Which Is Not Pleasant to Contemplate.

"When I was in the northwest," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had been recommended to me. One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a very rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made the trip.

"'Why not?' I inquired.

"'Because I didn't have my morphine with me,' he responded in a very matter of fact manner.

"'Morphine!' said I in astonishment. 'What has that got to do with it? You are not a morphine fiend, are you?'

"'Not as much of a one as you're a tenderfoot,' he laughed and proceeded to inform me that every prospector who knew his business always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily and that he did so in order to end himself quickly in case of accident which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many instances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves or breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks or rendering themselves helpless in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation or freezing or in some sections by being devoured by wolves or other wild animals. In order to prevent such a horrible death as any of these the prospector simplified matters by always carrying a little packet of morphine, which not only quieted the pain of the hurt he had sustained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck me at first as uncanny, not to say weird, but I got over that feeling after a narrow escape or two, and I carried a little tin box just like a veteran would."—Washington Star.

He Missed His Slippers.

When a young man, the late John Lewis, R. A., went to India and Egypt and was away about 18 years. When he returned to his mother's house in Portland place, he almost immediately pulled off his boots and commenced to hunt about at one end of the parlor fender and seemed terribly put out. His mother of course asked him anxiously what he wanted.

"My slippers," said he. "When I went away, I left them just down there. Now, where are they?"—Tit-Bits.

Lingering LaGrippe Cough.

G. Vachen, 157 Osgood St., Chicago, says: "My wife had a very severe case of la grippe and it left her with a very bad cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it gave immediate relief. A 50 cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Price 25c, 50c. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Announcements.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

Hon Joseph C. Sibley announces that pursuant to the call of friends in the various counties in the 27th district, he will be a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primaries to be held on April [illegible]

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

EDITOR EDITOR;—This is your authority for announcing that I am a candidate for member of Congress from the 27th district, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

R. B. STONE.

Bradford, Pa., March 17, 1900.

STATE SENATOR.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for State Senator subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

MYRON MATSON,

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce me as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

THOS. F. RICHMOND.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the State Assembly subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.

M. H. HOUGHTON,

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the Assembly, subject to Republican primaries, April [illegible]

J. H. GRANT,

Kane, Pa., March 20, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

S. T. SWARTZ.

Bradford, Pa., March 21, 1900.

NATIONAL DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the National Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

JAMES A. MCKEAN.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

STATE DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my candidacy for delegate to the State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county at the primaries.

DAVID HOWELLS,

Kane, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

CHAS. A. DUKE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention; subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.

J. M. MCELROY,

Bradford, Jan. 29, 1900.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for Jury Commissioner subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

WALTER OSTRANDER.

Port Allegany, Feb. 12, 1900.

Republican Primaries.

The Republican caucuses or primary elections will be held at the usual polling places, in each district of McKean county, Saturday, April 7, 1900, between the hours of 4 p. m. and 8 p. m., for the purpose of recommending a district delegate to the National Republican convention; one person for Congress; one person for State Senator; and electing three delegates to the Republican State convention, and placing in nomination two persons for member of Assembly and one person for Jury Commissioner. The county convention acting as a canvassing board, to declare the result of said caucuses and for the purpose of electing a chairman of the county committee, will meet at the court house at Smethport, on Tuesday, April 10, 1900, at 2 p. m.

MYRON MATSON, Chairman.

E. L. RYAN, Secretary.

Bradford, March 2, 1900.

THE Quay case will not be acted upon by the Senate until April 3.

IT is claimed that the Sheldon edition of the Topeka Capital last week netted $65,000.

THE New York assembly has passed a bill abolishing common law marriages in that state.

THE political situation in this county is warming up considerably, and three of the new candidates at least seem to mean business as will be seen by reading the announcements in this issue.

How the Democratic "statesmen" would like to see a period of business depression set in! But there is no fear of this, with a protective tariff and a gold standard measure upon the statute books.

STEADILY the English army is advancing on the Boers and it will only be a short time until these sturdy Dutch soldiers will have to give up the contest, although Oom Paul says his men will fight to the death.

MRS. ANTHONY, widow of the late "Bill" Anthony, who made himself famous on the battleship Maine, has been given a clerkship in the Census office at Washington. Mrs. Anthony is a poor woman and the appointment is highly commendable.

ANOTHER Republican pledge to the people has been kept in the signing of the gold standard law by the President. It fixes the standard of value, and the maintaining at a parity with that standard, of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States.

THREE newspaper correspondents were the first to enter Bloemfontein and persuade the burghers to go out and surrender. So it was not Roberts' lyddite that prevailed, but the threat of being roasted in print. The power of the press is vindicated.—John Smith in Buffalo Express.

IN the regular place on this page will be found the announcement of S. T. Swartz, of Bradford, as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries to be held April 7. Mr. Swartz is a lawyer and a gentleman of ability and we understand is capable of serving this county well in the Assembly.

NOTWITHSTANDING extraordinary expenses in connection with the Philippine insurrection, the public debt of the United States under Republican management is rapidly decreasing. During the piping times of peace of the last Democratic free-trade administration, the debt increased in just about the same ratio as it is now being reduced.

THE Bradford Star has evidently attended one of John Wanamaker's Anti-Quay revival meetings and experienced a sudden "change of heart," judging from editorials in its columns this week. It has always been the custom of newspapers in this county to treat all regularly announced candidates alike before the primaries, but we suppose since the Star editor has had the "power" his acts are governed by a more supreme being than a common editor of this sphere.

THE good work of the sons of the Emerald Isle in South Africa has been recognized in sentiment, at least, by England. On Saturday last the Queen and all English subjects wore the Shamrock in honor of St. Patrick and his noble descendants. Who would have thought, a year ago, that proud Old England would ever do the Irish such homage?

H. H. CLAYSON has withdrawn his candidacy for delegate to the national Republican convention. James A. McKean is now the only candidate in in McKean county and the chances of his selection for this honor now seem very bright. Mr. McKean, if selected, would ably represent our party at Philadelphia next June and we earnestly hope he will be one of the chosen delegates.

THE story going the rounds of the newspapers of the state that Hon. J. D. Hancock of this city had renounced his adherence to the gold standard and was now in favor of the free coinage of silver, and that he would be the Democratic candidate for congress in this distrct, is a "fake." Mr. Hancock emphatically denies the statement as to his conversion to the free silver heresy.—Franklyn Citizen Press.

J. H. GRANT of Kane announces his candidacy for Member of Assembly at the head of these columns, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. Mr. Grant has been a prominent business man of Kane for a number of years and is honest, keen and prosperous in his business ventures and is thoroughly capable of representing this county in the legislature. Should he receive the nomination he will be elected by a rousing majority this fall.

AT the head of these columns will be found the announcement of R. B. Stone, of Bradford, as a candidate for member of Congress, subject to the Republican primaries. Mr. Stone is a brother of Hon. C. W. Stone, ex-congressman from this district, has practiced law in this county for many years and has always been prominent in advancing the interests of Bradford and McKean county and should he receive the nomination, would ably represent this district at Washington.

Come, Sir Thomas, But be Reasonable.

Philadelphia Times.

Can it be that Sir Thomas Lipton is about to insist upon a further modification of the deed of gift under which the New York Yacht Club holds the American cup, won at Cowes in 1851? He proposes to bring over his new Watson cutter, Erin, and, also the Fife boat of last year, Shamrock, and after careful tests in American waters, to select the better of the two to race for the cup. He admits that extensive alterations will be made in the Shamrock by her designer before she leaves the other side.

The Times expressed its belief in Sir Thomas' good faith last summer and sees no reason to change its opinion now, provided the skipper understands what he is asking of the New York Yacht Club. We confidently believe we know more about the history of this contest of nearly fifty years than does he, and we see in his proposition what would be mistaken for a bit of very sharp practice if suggested by a discredited sportsman, like Lord Dunraven.

Sir Thomas is a different sort of man; but the fact is patent that he brings over two practically new boats to race against one defender that we must name before he leaves British waters.

Our opinion is that the rules of the turf must apply to this open sea contest. If Sir Thomas chooses to bring two cutters, he must forward two separate challenges. There must be entire frankness. If he intends to sail the yacht best suited for the prevailing breeze of the day, the same privilege must be conceded to the challenged party.

It is to be feared that Sir Thomas forgets that Henry Steers won the silver cup, that has cost British and American yachtsmen several million dollars, against a fleet of English schooners. Does he remember that Commodore Ashbury, the first challenger, sailed Cambria in 1870 against nearly every schooner of the New York Yacht Club without protest? Does he recall the fact that when Ashbury returned in 1871 with the Livonia, he asked and was granted the great concession that a single contestant be named on the morning of each race?

In all the contests that have followed, Sir Thomas has been the only sportsman who has not asked some concession. Is he going to break that record?

When the type of yacht was changed to the cutter, the defenders of the cup agreed to a single contest between two boats, named in advance, to be decided irrespective of accidents or changes of weather conditions. Surely that was the limit of concession.

Come over, Sir Thomas, with your two cutters, but understand that they cannot be "bracketed" as is said on the turf, against our one boat. We can build yachts; and our record is one of concessions innumerable in the interest of a glorious sport.

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The Boers and the Catholics.

Philadelphia Times.

Just before the beginning of the English-Transvaal war Bishop Gaughran, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kimberly, South Africa, was requested by Mr. Kenny of the Boston Herald to give his views on the dispute that was then likely to precipitate a war, and in answer he sent the following letter, the full text of which we give:

Kimberly, Sept 19, 1899.

My Dear Mr. Kenny: I have only to say, in reply to your kind letter, that I fear I should make a very poor newspaper correspondent. I can say what I think myself, but I do not mingle in society enough to give you the cream of other's opinions. I believe, however, you may take it for granted that there will be war here, and probably before you receive this. There will be war unless at the last moment Paul Kruger wishes to climb down.

Now, from my personal opinion about the matter, I can, with a safe conscience, say that I think England very seldom had a more just cause for war. The state of things in the Transvaal was a scandal to the nations. That a handful of men, some of whom were very illiterate, and all of whom were very predjudiced and selfish, should expect to be allowed to make laws forever for those who spent their money in buying up property in that country and developing its welfare is preposterous. Chamberlain's indictment of the Transvaal government was perfectly fair. I have no hesitation in saying so, and I have had thirteen years to study the question.

I am not an Englishman, as you know, nor are my sympathies in general with England. But in this case I do believe that England will do credit to our common humanity by forcing a small state calling itself a republic to give equal right to all. Whatever one may call England's title to interfere in this matter, it is certain that in former years most of the Boers, their president at their head, asked England to come to their aid and take over the state. She did so, and then when the debts of the little republic were paid by England, and Paul Kruger received his salary, which was in arrears for a long time, and he started a rebellion against the new authority. Gladstone gave them back their country under certain conditions. The fourth clause of the convention conveyed the idea that all who go into the country shall have equal rights. The Boers and their Volkstraad did not keep that promise. They had not equal rights.

When the rush to the Transvaal began there was a very simple law for the franchise. I am writing from memory, but I think it must have been a residence of two years and paying taxes. A few years after, this was increased to six years, then to nine years, then to fourteen years, and no one could say how many more years might be added on. Those who invested their money in the country had no hope of ever having a voice in the government of the country. And yet the Outlanders were twice as numerous at least as the original usurpers. For in my mind I do not give to the Boers of the Transvaal the title of nationality. They simply killed the Kaffirs fifty years ago and they took their places. There is nothing in this that implies proscription for a nation.

Now comes the question of Paul Kruger and his advisers. He had a clever man for some years who kept him from committing himself too far. But he has left him, and now the whole government seems to be like a boat without a rudder. Oom Paul is shrewd, but when one considers that the president of a small republic, which has only 60,000 inhabitants, or there abouts, receives a salary as large as that of the president of the United States, £8,000, one can imagine that patriotism is not the very first characteristic of his life. I should be amazed to find that there are over 60,000 Boers in the Transvaal.

I cannot enter into the details of concessions which I believe were most iniquitous as regards the interest of a country, and the dynamite question, etc. These I don't care to consider. I have always held that a man in any country has the same right as another if he conducts himself as he ought, and that there should be no distinction beyond that which is necessary to test his sincerity. Let the United States be a model for republics in this matter. There must not be at the end of this nineteenth century a government calling itself a republic, while in reality, it is a close oligarchy.

Now I have given you my views in general on the situation. Were I to go into the history of this country in more detail I could make a much stronger case against the Boers; I only want to set you on what I consider the right line for judging of the struggle which seems to me is inevitable now. The Boer is brave. Of that I have no doubt, but he is ignorant and prejudiced to an alarming extent. On that account I do not condemn him, for his fathers had to strike out in the desert and live as those who were cut off from civilization. His prejudice shows itself principally as regards the Catholic church. And, secondly, as regards the civilized habits of European nations. The church is his bugbear. Catholics are as heathens to him. They worship snakes and wooden images. I find I might go on forever in this strain, but I have not time to give you my ideas fully, and I must wind up by saying that to my mind war is the best way to end the unrest and insecurity that torments and paralyzes the country here at present. We shall all suffer from it; probably we shall suffer a great deal, but in the end the country will gain, and gain immensely. As far as you are concerned don't allow the idea to prevail that the Transvaal is a republic except in name. Believe me yours faithfully,

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Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Mch. 19, 1900.

Secretary Gage is greatly interested in the work of refunding the entire bonded indebtedness of the country into the 2 per cent. bonds authorized by the new finance law, which is now well under way, every mail to the treasury being filled with applications for exchanging the outstanding bonds for the new issue. The entire issue of the new bonds will be dated April 1, and they will be exchanged as fast as possible, in the order of application, the accrued interest on the old bonds being paid in cash.

President McKinley regrets the failure of his tender of the good offices of this government to Great Britain to assist in bringing about peace in South Africa, but recognizes that Lord Salisbury had a right to decline the tender on behalf of his government. The general impression in Washington is that nothing else can or will be done by this government, and that the language of Lord Salisbury's declination is in effect a strong hint to European nations not to attempt mediation.

Secretary Root has, in answer to a request from Gen. Otis, cabled him permission to encourage the love of music among the Filipinos by enlisting them as musicians in the regimental bands of his army.

Admiral Dewey has endorsed a favorable report made by Lieut. H. H. Caldwell, his aid, on the recent tests of the submarine torpedo boat Holland, in the Potomac river, just below Washington. Lieut. Caldwell was on the boat during the entire test, lasting nearly three hours, and says in his report that a determined enemy, with a boat of the Holland type could have made the occupation of Manila Bay by Admiral Dewey's squadron impossible. Admiral Dewey sent Lieut. Caldwell's report to the House committee on naval affairs, with a letter of his own, endorsing it strongly.

By a solid Republican vote, aided by the vote of Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, the Senate has decided in favor of the Republican contention that the constitution does not follow the flag into acquisitions of territory outside of the boundaries of the United States proper, without an act of Congress providing for such an extension. In other words, that territory may belong to the United States without becoming a part of the United States. The vote was on an amendment offered by Senator Allen to the bill providing for turning over to the President, to be used for the immediate necessities of Porto Rico, the money collected under the Dingley tariff law, on Porto Rican products, up to the first of last January—a little more than $2,000,000—which was afterwards passed without a division. The question was squarely presented in the defeated amendment, which asserted that the treaty of peace with Spain extended the constitution of the United States over Porto Rico. This action of the Senate endorses the position of the Republican majority of the House, as well as that of President McKinley, and there is very little doubt that the decision of the supreme court, when the question reaches it, will be to the same effect.

No time has been set for a vote on the other Porto Rico bill, dealing with the government of the island and the tariff, but it is not likely to be for several weeks, as Senators Aldrich, Platt, of Connecticut, and Teller, who are much interested in the measure, have gone to Cuba, and will not return for about two weeks. Meanwhile, the debate will go on. The passage of the emergency Porto Rican bill has made it unnecessary to hurry in disposing of this one.

Although always intensely partisan, Senator Tillman has a way of frankly expressing what he believes which makes men admire his honesty, even when they entirely disagree with him. He made some of the Democrats open their eyes when he said, on the floor of the Senate: "I am always willing to trust William McKinley. He is a patriotic and noble man." During the same colloquy he said to the Republican senators, referring to their differences on the Porto Rican tariff question: "You are the best organized party I ever saw, and no matter how you talk, I have no doubt you will all round up on the vote."

The militia officers representing 38 states who have been in Washington for some days, have won their preliminary campaign, and the House committee on military affairs has favorably reported a bill increasing the annual Congressional appropriation for the National Guard of the country from $400,000 to $2,000,000, and the chances are decidedly in favor of the bill becoming a law. Our experience in the war with Spain has added largely to the number of those who believe that money spent in improving and encouraging the National Guard is money well spent.

An agreement has been reached by the Senate on the Quay case. It will be taken up April 3, and kept before the Senate until disposed of. It is generally admitted that Mr. Quay will be seated whenever the vote is taken.

There is a regular rush for charters for national banks, with capital of $25,000, in towns of less than 3,000 inhabitants authorized by the new financial law. Great care is being exercised by the controller of the currency in approving the application for this class of charters.

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The Problem of Good Roads.

It is not without reason that New Jersey papers brag about their good roads. No state has done better in this regard and few as well, when we take into consideration wealth and population. In order to obtain a good thing, one must know what it is. New York will not do without clean streets now, simply because her citizens were shown by the late Colonel Warring that they can be cleaned. New Jersey has demonstrated that good roads can be built with profit, and her example is being taken up by other Commonwealths. Public sentiment in this direction is becoming very widely aroused, and the first step to reform is needed. State Highway Commissioner McDonald of Connecticut, has recently made a computation of the loss to that state through bad roads, and fixes it at the great figure of $2,282,500. His computation is somewhat as follows, and is based on 15,000 miles of highway in the state and 15,000 horses. The items are classified as follows: Annual depreciation on horses, $125,000; excessive horse power required, $1,020,000; support of horses while roads are impassable, $150,000; useless repair of roads, $225,000; and loss by law suits caused by bad roads, $12,500. This count may be in some ways a little fantastic, but it no doubt represents a very large germ of truth. The great gain of good roads to a state is that they add vastly in making rural life more attractive and profitable, and check that steady exodus from country to city which has depleted the agricultural sections of so much of their best blood, brains and brawn. Whatever tends to preserve the integrity, energy and intelligence of country life at its best is an advantage incalculable to the Commonwealth. Good roads tend to this end more than any other single factor.

This is a good time to discuss the point, when we read of automobiles being stuck in the mud near Trap and our farmers bringing in smaller loads of tobacco at a trip on account of the deepness of the country highways. The turnpikes are not what they should be, but when one is struck by a teamster having a heavy load he gives a sigh of relief. Sometimes two small loads follow each other to the turnpike, where they are consolidated and hauled in with a single team. This in itself shows the economy of good roads, involving less horse power and less wear and tear on wagons and harness. Our turnpikes, defective as they are, yet afford an object lesson which should induce to a building anew of our main country highways—always bad when most needed to get farm products to the market.

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Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1480 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Holmes & Gilfillan's loca's.

—"The back bone of winter is broken."

—The famous trotter, Maud S., is dead. She was 26 years old.

—F. J. Vickery purchased a fine work horse in Duke Center on Monday.

—April 1st the Erie company will raise the wages of the miners at Arnot 5 per cent.

—Governor Stone has selected April 6 and 20 as Arbor Days in Pennsylvania this year.

—Robert A. Olmsted, son of Judge A. G. Olmsted, was admitted to the bar of Potter county recently.

—Palmer & Strong, the plumbers, have a new ad to-day. This enterprising firm is winning many patrons.

—Phil Vickery found a lady's hat near Coryville last Friday. Owner can have some by calling on him.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas of East Smethport were made happy Wednesday by the arrival of a baby girl.

—Patrick Stretch of Mt. Jewett dropped dead in that place yesterday. Heart failure is supposed to be the cause.

—The fire department of Hornellsville was called out Monday night to fight a flood. This is a new occupation for firemen.

—J. Colegrove has something to say in his ad this week that is of interest. He will soon receive a large stock of spring goods.

—Gilbert Moody of Coryville has been granted an original pension of $6 per month, and Ruth A. Wilcox of Bradford one of $12.

—Young students will find the spring term of the Clarion State Normal School a rare opportunity for intellectual and spiritual growth.

—The Ladies of the Maccabees will serve an oyster supper, Saturday evening, in Wells' Hall from 6 to 10 p. m. Supper 25 cents, children 15 cents.

—The Eclectic Assembly will hold their next regular meeting in Wells hall on Monday evening the 26th. All members are requested to attend.

—Stickles, the Racket Man, has an interesting ad this week and quotes some more of his marvelously low prices. Read his ad and look over his stock.

—Found a pocket book containing a sum of money. Owner can have same by calling at the MINER office, proving ownership and paying for this notice.

—Seger & Doyle have a new ad in to-day's paper which is worthy of your careful perusal. This popular firm is showing the latest styles in gents' furnishings.

—David Foster was killed at a well in Turtle Point last evening by being wrapped in a coil of rope on the bull wheel shaft.

—It is rumored that W. E. McCammon of this place was seriously injured at Hazelhurst yesterday by being caught on a pulley shaft.

—W. L. Lillibridge has purchased a residence property at Coudersport and contemplates moving his family there in the early spring—Port Allegany Reporter.

—George Richard is as much rejoiced over the arrival of a new boy at his house last week as he was when he won out on his contest for school director.—Mt. Jewett News.

—A party of Lady Maccabees from Hazelhurst and Mt. Jewett came down on the excursion train last night and were entertained by Smethport Hive in Wells hall.

—A force of men are at work tearing down and replacing the world-famous Kinzua bridge. It is to be made stronger in every way on account of the increased traffic over the bridge.

—A warm sugar social will be held at Tyler's hall on Friday, March 30, 1900. Proceeds to apply on Elder Dunbar's salary. Everybody invited to attend as a good time is assured.

—The Lady Maccabees will visit Mt. Jewett lodge next Monday. Every Lady Maccabee is invited whether a members of Smethport lodge or not. Will leave on regular 11:15 a. m. train, returning at 6:32. Excursion rates.

—It is reported on reliable authority that before the close of the year the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern will run through trains from Olean to New York via the Lackawanna—Buffalo Express.

—The following letters remain in the post office at Smethport for the week ending March 17: W. M. Burns, Paul Dommery, Mrs. Lissie Groves. Foreign: Guiseppe Mustacato, Gaetano Da Niello.

—Bonnie O'Brien and Tommy McCarty, both of Buffalo, fought a 15-round draw at the East Bradford opera house last Saturday night. Bradford papers claim it was a good fight—the first in a long time.

—A well found rumor is being circulated that a bottle manufactory will be erected in this place in the spring.—Enterprise. Bottle factories and prohibition always go hand in hand, says the Austin Autograph.

—Fry & Herzog are building up an excellent trade at their model dry goods store in the Clark block. In their advertisement this week they give an interesting discourse on carpets and quote some prices. Read the ad.

—Willit Palmer, the plumber, severely burned his right hand Wednesday. While engaged in doing some work in a house on Green street, he stumbled and shoved his hand into a gasoline stove with the above result.

—Potter county can well feel proud of its newspapers. Without an exception they are typographically neat and well edited. Although some of them indulge in personalities to an abusive extent, as a rule they are always readable.

—Francis Harris of North Fork, was killed Wednesday of last week by the falling of a shed roof. Harris was feeding sheep in the shed when the great weight of snow caused the roof of collapsed fatally injuring the man.

—The Backus hook will be introduced to prominent hotel men in Chicago and St. Louis this week. The hook is pronounced a wonder wherever shown. Traveling men are unanimous in the opinion that it will make a fortune for its backers.

—John Nelson, the popular Bradford catcher, has signed with Buffalo, and Fred McFall of Eldred will pitch for Cortland in the New York state league. Both are well-known among the Smethport fans and their success is heartily wished for.

—Arthur M. Roy has purchased the interest of F. E. Van Kuren in the Mansfield Advertiser, and the firm name hereafter will be Coles & Roy. The Advertiser maintains its high standard of excellency which it has borne for the past twenty-eight years.

—Prices have advanced on almost all kinds of stock and printing materials, but our prices remain the same on job printing. Send in your order now, for our present prices cannot remain long. None but thoroughly competent workmen employed and all work guaranteed first-class. Mail orders receive prompt attention.

—An Olean dispatch says: John Holland was found lying dead close to the railroad track near Portville. His skull was fractured and it is supposed he was struck by a passing engine during the night. He was taken to Portville and Coroner Smith of this city was summoned. Deceased was 70 years of age and unmarried.

—If the price in print paper continues to advance we will be compelled to raise the subscription price of the MINER on or about May 1st. The subscribers who pay in advance before that time will not only save the advance discount but will be exempt from the raise in price for the time they pay. Take advantage of a good thing while it lasts.

—It is stated that Edward H. Mead who shot Bert Wixson and then committed suicide in their carriage and blacksmith shop in this village recently, says the Bolivar Breeze, suffered a severe sunstroke a number of years ago from which he never fully recovered. It is said that he was demented at times, a fact may be attributed to his rash act.

—A jolly sleigh load of Smethport people composed of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Daly, Dr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Dr. Clark and sister, Mrs. Williams of Chicago, drove over Thursday and took dinner with mine host King of the Sartwell House. The weather and sleighing were propitious and the party enjoyed the trip very greatly.—Port Allegany Reporter.

—Over 50 kinds of bark are now used to manufacture paper, besides banana skins, bean stalks, pea vines, cocoanut fiber, clover and timothy hay, straw, fresh water weeds and over 150 kinds of grasses. Also, hair, fur, wool, asbestos, hop plants, weeds, husks and stems of Indian corn, all kinds of moss, sawdust, shavings, thistle, thistle-down and tobacco stocks.—Ex.

—The Potter Enterprise has a unique department that is attracting much attention from its readers. In its columns contributors are allowed to air their opinions on the question of whether or not a young man should marry on $10 per week. In a recent issue a young lady contributor made it plainly understood that she was on the matrimonial market at even a smaller figure.

—Smethport can well feel proud of her young ladies. For the past three weeks a certain corporation has endeavored to secure the services of one or two of our young ladies to work on an average of 70 hours per week for $2.50, but up to the present time none have considered their services so valueless. If all girls would put a higher value on their services, especially when doing a man's duty, there would be less batchelors, both male and female, and low wages for indoor work would be unknown.

—Scott Wilson died of consumption on Thursday, March 15, at the home of his brother, Mr. Chas. D. Wilson, in this borough, aged 18 years. The deceased has been a resident of this place about two months and was well thought of by all who knew him. Funeral services were held at the house Friday afternoon, Rev. I. T. Walker officiating and the remains were interred in the Kane cemetery on Saturday.

—Counterfeit silver dollars are again being circulated and business people in general are warned to examine all the coin taken in. The money is of the date of 1891 and is so perfect in the imitation that it can hardly be detected from the genuine, only that it has a smoother surface and the marking about the edge is not regular. They can be distinguished by the touch or by the ring if allowed to fall on a solid substance.—Kane Republican.

—Miss Bellemonte Birriolo, whose sad recital of her father's crime of setting fire to her mother's dress and watching her writhe in the agonies of death did much to influence the jury in bringing Isaac Birriolo, her father, to the gallows, has repented and is doing her utmost to have his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. His case will probably go to the board of pardons and he may be given a respite to further repent his awful crime.

—Too much business and no amusement is unhealthy for any person or community. Such a state of affairs confronts the citizens of Smethport. Give us a good athletic field and race track as was promised last fall and Smethport will be one of the most attractive places on earth in summer. We have the material for the best ball team we have ever had, and all we need now is a place to practice and play. Let our sport-loving citizens wake up and get this matter before the people.

—There is a fellow traveling about the country imposing upon Odd Fellows and defrauding lodges. He is a man about 38 years of age, five feet, six or eight inches in height and probably weighs 130 pounds. His complexion is sallow, and and he has a long neck and bony hands. He is a fluent talker, but claims to be in very poor health, and is looking for financial aid. He is well booked in Odd Fellowship, but he is said to be an impostor and follows this line for profit.—Clinton Democrat.

—Thos. Cole and John Rooney, Jr., two of Smethport's prominent young men, were arrested and tried before Squire Chase on Wednesday on the charge of stealing a spotted dog from one L. W. Howden, of Coryville. The young men were acquitted on the grounds that the dog merely transferred its affections to the aforesaid young men, without any coercion on their part and followed them home. The John Rooney in question is the son of John F. Rooney, who with John Breneman, made themselves famous as "The Turnip Johns."

—A dispatch of recent date from Danbury, Conn., says that city is excited over the strange death of Mrs. Margaret Petit of Brooklyn, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Lee, in Danbury. Mrs. Petit was apparently in robust health last Saturday night. Late Sunday morning Mrs. Lee declares that she saw her father, dead 16 years, pass into the room occupied by her mother. Distinctly, she declares, she heard his voice say: "Margaret, come with me." An instant later the door of the room opened and her father, carrying his wife in his arms, came out and vanished before the daughter's eyes. Greatly frightened Mr. and Mrs. Lee entered Mrs. Petit's room She lay dead in bed.

Mrs. Gallagher Suicides.

Mrs. Zelina E Gallagher, who lived in the rear of No. 23 Boylston street, committed suicide Monday morning by taking morphine. Just a week ago she made an unsuccessful attempt to end her life in the same manner but was saved by the timely arrival of medical assistance. There is no doubt but that the woman had been mentally deranged for some time as she had often threatened to end her existence. The poison which she took had been in her possession for a long time for that purpose. At 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning neighbors noticed that there was no one stirring about the Gallagher household, and, having in mind her threat to commit suicide, became alarmed and effected an entrance into the house. The woman was found lying unconscious on a lounge in the front room. She was only half dressed and was breathing heavily. Doctors were summoned but the unfortunate woman was past earthly aid and died at 12 o'clock without recovering consciousness. The suicide left a note to her son, George Evans, telling him to bury her in a $5 coffin, and advising him to take up his residence at No. 23 Boylston street. In the note she bade good-bye to her neighbors and asked them to be kind to her son and his wife.—Bradford Era.

Hummel Must Hang.

William Hummel, who was tried at Williamsport last week for the murder of his wife and three children, was found guilty of murder in the first degree after the jury had deliberated fifteen minutes, and was immediately sentenced by Judge Metzgar to be hanged. In his address to the prisoner the Judge said, "there is no hope this side of the grave." When asked if he had anything to say Hummel claimed it was a blind murder and that he had nothing to do with it. Since that time he has made a full confession, telling how he committed the crime and how he disposed of the bodies.

It is claimed that while being taken to jail Hummel frightened a crowd of women by breaking away from the sheriff, rushing among them and trying to kiss one woman and putting them all in a panic by uttering horrible sounds.

Government Aid for Triplets.

A Washington special says: A well-known Pennsylvania Congressman, who has a considerable number of Scandinavians residing in his district, has received a remarkable communication. He declines to reveal the writers name. The letter is literally as follows:

"Dear Sir: My wife hed Treples the 21st day of February tow gierls and one boy. And my frends are telling me that in such a case the governen are donating some money for a help to raise the chieldren. Therefore are I going to take the liberty to ask you if you would be so kind and give me an information. And farthermore [illegible] Yours Respectfully."

The Congressman sent the lucky father of triplets a reply to the effect that the government was not extending aid in that direction. C. W. C.

Flying Fox Sold for $187,500.

But James McGuire has a good road horse which he will sell for half that amount and give a liberal discount for cash.

Andrews & Conkling of Olean will make display and sale of carpets, wall papers, etc., at Wright House, Monday and Tuesday, March 26 and 27. Read their ad.

The new Edison phonograph sold by R. C. Gleason is the best ever put on the market. You should hear it to appreciate it and "Ike" is always pleased to entertain you.

Build a home. We can furnish you plans and suggestions. Come in and see them. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Try Mason's 15c mantles.

An Enjoyable Occasion.

Last night was a gala occasion for members of the P. H. C. A few weeks ago the local circle visited Mt. Jewett and last night the people from that elevated borough returned the compliment with interest. A special train over the P. S. & N. brought the visitors into town about 9 o'clock. They proceeded at once to the I. O. O. F. hall where the exercises of the evening were held. The Mt. Jewett delegation numbered about 85 people, and they made matters lively from the start. After the business meeting of the lodge was over, Master of Ceremonies Beebe announced the opening of the musical and literary part of the program, which, outside of an interesting paper read by Mrs. B. L. Knapp and several well rendered musical selections by Brother Beebe, was enacted almost entirely by the visitors.

Mrs. J. H. Walker of Hazelhurst and Mrs. H. A. Burns respectively delivered recitations that were received with hearty applause. A dialogue, "Family Jars," next in order, was presented in a mirth-provoking manner by T. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Holmes, and Miss Bertha McGuire. Solo, "Laughing Little Red Head Coon," was sung with pleasant effect by C. H. Williams. Recitation, "Uncle Josh" was cleverly delivered by B. H. Holmes. A laughable Dutch recitation by J. M. Miles and a recitation by W. F. Brenholt, followed, and both were pleasantly received. An amusing dialogue was then enacted by Mrs. Mary Wilcox, Mrs. Thos. McClellan, Mrs. E. E. Patterson, Miss Mayme Henderson, C. H. Williams, Miss Lottie Doyle, Mrs. Holmes and Miss Bertha McGuire. Little Houston Campbell sang "Ma Filipino Baby" with great success and was greeted with hearty applause. A neatly executed sketch by Mr. and Mrs. Walker came next, and Miss Frances Campbell concluded the program with a recitation, that displayed her remarkable elocutionary talent.

Supper was announced, and all proceeded to the dining room where substantial refreshments were served by the ladies. The eatables were all that could be desired and the furnishers and servers of the same deserve great credit.

After all were satisfied with the spread, amusements such as leap frog (participated in by gentlemen only), impromptu songs and dances, cake walks, and athletic exercises passed away the remainder of this enjoyable evening. Jakey's lofty tumbling act deserves special mention—it nearly brought down the house. Then after three times three rousing cheers for Smethport circle, the visitors departed for the train much pleased with their entertainment.

The Churches.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,
REV. DAY, Pastor.

The Annunciation B. V. M. and Mid-Lent Sunday.

No celebration at 8 a. m. Matins, at 10 a. m. High Celebration, with sermon at 10:30 a. m. Subject of sermon: "The Magnificat."

Sunday School at 12 m.

Evensong with sermon at 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon: "What Are They Among So Many?"

ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL.

Evensong with sermon at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School at 3:15 p. m.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH
REV. FATHER COSGROVE, Pastor,
REV. FATHER BONAVIUS, Assistant.

Mass at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 3:00 p. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
REV. DR. WALKER, Pastor.

Quarterly meeting service.

Love Feast at 9:30 a. m.

Rev. H. C. Woods, Presiding Elder, will preach at 10:30 a. m., and administer the Holy Communion.

The pastor will preach in the evening at 7:30. Subject: "Reflections with Amendment of Life."

The Chief Pastors of the M. E. church have called for the church to set apart the days from March 25 to April 1, inclusive, as a season of fasting, or abstinence and prayer. In response to this call the pastor announced last Sunday after reading the able address of the Bishops, that his church would observe this call by holding four evening services next week—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. The Christian public invited to these services.

SWEDISH MISSION CHURCH,
REV. NORBERG, Pastor.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Free Methodist church will be held in the Swedish Mission church, March 23-25.

Preaching Friday at 7:45 p. m. by Rev. W. B. Rupe, D. E.

Preaching Saturday at 7:45 p. m.

Sunday, Love Feast at 9:00 a. m. Preaching at 1:10 p. m., followed immediately by the Lord's Supper, Rev. F. J. Barber, P. C.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
REV. T. B. WARE, Pastor.

Services at 10:30 a. m.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH,
REV. NORBERG, Pastor.

Services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting Tuesday night.

Excursion to Washington.

On April 7, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will run its last special excursion to Washington, from points on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, Erie to Lock Haven inclusive, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the national capital. Round trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of $10 from Erie, St. Marys and intermediate points, $8.05 from Driftwood, $8.15 from Renovo, $7.30 from Lock Haven, and proportionate rates from other points.

A through sleeping car will be run from Erie to Washington on train leaving Erie at 4:30 p. m.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at special reduced rates.

For full information consult small hand bills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

Free to Inventors.

The experience of C. A. Snow & Co. in obtaining more than 20,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc., etc.

This pamphlet will be sent free to anyone writing to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Farmers, why plant old or mixed varieties of seed potatoes when you can get new and vigorous seed at farmers prices? Carman No. 1 for main crop beats them all. The Early Rovee and Early Fortune are good early varieties. Pure seed of the above for sale at 60c and 75c per bu. Reduction on large quantities. Supply limited, order early. Remember that last year I could not fill near all my orders.
A. L. GALLUP.

"Hammar Paint. How to use it." Come in and we will tell all about it. Cheapest and best. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

R. C. Gleason can furnish you with photo buttons at 25c each and up. Give "Ike" an order and be in line.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. W. Mitchell visited Bradford Tuesday.

Miss Eva Therp visited Olean Monday.

F. D. Slocum of Bradford had business in town Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff Davis had business in Bradford Wednesday.

Hon. Loyal Ward of Bradford had business in town Tuesday.

P. R. Cotter, Esq., of Eldred was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

Sheridan Gorton, Jr., visited Olean friends Saturday and Sunday last.

Dr. H. L. McCoy and J. W. Horton returned Monday evening from their southern trip.

F. L. Newton of Bradford and Coleman Smith of Shingle House, Potter county, were visitors in town Tuesday.

Miss Kathryn [illegible] of Bradford and Miss Kathryn Cassidy of Ormsby were guests of Mrs. Kathryne Colegrove last week.

Miss Mary Wilson of Wheeling, W. Va., is at the home of Chas. D. Wilson where she was called by the sudden death of her brother, Scott.

B. L. Knapp, Esq., departed Monday morning for St. Louis to visit his brother, S. H. Knapp, whom he has not seen in over thirty-five years. On the return trip Mr. Knapp will visit his sister in Chicago.

Correspondence.

COLEVILLE.

Tait & Eaton have a large force of men taking down the building formerly occupied by the McCalmont Oil Co. as an office and boarding house.

H. A. Snyder & Co. are getting out lumber for repairing their buildings recently purchased of Vincent of Jamestown, N. Y.

Dave Cotton and family and Miss Maggie Lytle spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Port Allegany.

Burt Bromley of Farmers Valley has moved in the house formerly occupied by Nick Smith.

H. M. Engel is rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy at his home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hausman and Miss Elsie Moore visited relatives at Rock City Sunday.

Mr. M. Lillibridge of Port Allegany registered at the Brunswick House Tuesday.

John Clark, who has been on the sick list for a few days, is able to be out again.

H. Cohn of Bradford is in town looking after the interest of his lease.

Messrs. B. H. Cohn and E. H. Kreger drove to Bradford Tuesday.

Conrad Howard of Farmers Valley had business in town Monday.

Fred Freeman and sister Jessie drove to Bradford Tuesday.

Dr. Robison of Bradford was in town Monday.

S. H. Ebler had business in Smethport Monday.

G. W. McCord had business in Davis Monday.

W. C. Rhodes drove to Farmers Valley Sunday.

H. K. Moore is on the sick list.

FARMERS VALLEY.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vickery are pleased to know that they have decided to remain on the farm, where they have resided for several years.

Myrtle Stull, who has been spending her vacation with her parents, returned to Mansfield on Monday, taking her sister Alice with her for a visit.

Emma Roeder, who has been spending the winter in Moody Hollow with her sister, has returned home.

Coasting has been much enjoyed by, both teacher and scholars of our school during the last week.

Lester Lewis, who has worked sealing for E. Kane, left on Tuesday for his home in Austin.

All are invited to attend the sugar social at Tyler's hall on Friday evening, March 30.

Guy Cleaver was called home on Wednesday by the severe sickness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Taylor of Simpson are spending a few days in the valley.

V. J. Saunders of the Kane surveyor's gang left for Alfred on Tuesday.

Miss Ellen Otto has gone to Olean on a visit to her brother.

Work on the Shawmut road is progressing slowly.

Another dance to-night at Tyler's hall.

How is this for skating?

LARABEE.

Mrs. Jabez Rice, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Bert [illegible], of Rixford, visited at the home of Mrs. H. G. Osborne in Gaveton during the latter part of last week and the first of this.

Mr. Eugene Crandall, one of Buffalo's efficient telegraphers, was greeting his many friends in town Monday.

Miss Angie Whitney has returned to her home in Turtle Point, after spending some weeks in town.

Mrs. Wm. Windsor is a guest at the home of her son, F. E. Windsor, of Clarksville, N. Y.

Mr. D. Daily was in Port Allegany Monday on a business mission.

Eugene Crow of Buffalo was a pleasant caller in town Tuesday.

D. D. Otto was in Eldred Wednesday morning.

Chas. Carpenter visited Eldred on Saturday last.

Lucien Squires of St. Marys is visiting in town.

Geo. Haynes of Sartwell was in town Friday.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health.
LAWRENCE BAYER,
5-tf Clermont, Pa

Spring Announcement

On account of my buyer being sick our Spring Line of dry goods purchase has been delayed. We expect some of the latest novelties and full spring line of dry goods to arrive every day now. Also spring line of shoes, which will comprise the inlaid fancy vestings on the best line of shoes. It will pay you to wait a few days until this stock arrives and look them over. We have made a good purchase in Ladies' belts which will arrive about April 1st, full line of shades in the new pulley belt with ribbon ties, also buckleless belts which are new and very stylish. Also new line of finger purses and card cases.

Our Grocery Department is well stocked and looked after, and bought in quantities that insure us the lowest prices and we sell accordingly. All goods promptly delivered.

J. COLEGROVE.

DRUNKENNESS

Safe, Harmless. Guarantee Cure.
Can be given secretly, part of which [illegible] all taste for drink without knowing why. To advertise our remedy we will mail [illegible] days' treatment for $1.00. Two boxes will cure any ordinary case. Particulars free.
LaRue Chemical Co., 1017 Arch St., Phila.

School Report.

Following is the report of [illegible] schools for the month ending [illegible]

[illegible]

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Whole number in attendance [illegible]
Per cent of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Ethel [illegible]
Reta Gorton*
Iva [illegible]
Jennie Kohn
Ruth McCammon
Marie Purple*

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Georgia Pickersgill
[illegible]

Visitors—Mrs. E. E. Myers, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Specht.

[illegible], Teacher.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

Whole number in attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Ella Gallup
Fay Knapp
[illegible]
Alfred Sturdivant
Earl [illegible]
[illegible]
Harry Metzgar*
Esther Owen
Clinton Clark
Frank [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
John Hayes*
Laura Gravin
[illegible]
[illegible]

Visitors—[illegible], Mrs. Forsythe.

[illegible], Teacher.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES.

Whole number in attendance [illegible]
Per cent of attendance [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Fred Anderson
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Ralph [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Leroy [illegible]
Thomas [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mildred [illegible]
[illegible]

Visitors—Alice Foster, Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. E. Gifford.

Della Hafner, Teacher.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES.

Per cent of attendance—girls [illegible], boys [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Mary Anderson
Bessie Gibson*
Ruth Holmes
Donna Lyman
Martha Eckels
Edna Young
Lila Holcomb
Grace Holmes
Gale Chilson

Helen Anderson
Annie Bates
Alice Daly*
Ransom [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Roy Colegrove

Visitors—E. R. Mase, Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. Denning, Clayton [illegible]

Florence M. [illegible], Teacher.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES.

Whole number in attendance—[illegible]
Per cent of attendance—girls [illegible], boys [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Alberta Sturdivant
Eva Huffman
Margaret Boyer
Anna Berg*
Elsie Stieser
Hazel Green
Cora Green
Stella Robson

[illegible]
Fred Boyer
[illegible]
Harry [illegible]
Myron Gallup
Charlie Church
Harold Perner
[illegible]

Visitors—E. R. Mase, Mrs. [illegible] Gifford, Mrs. Forsythe.

Stella M. [illegible], Teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Whole number in attendance—[illegible]
Per cent of attendance—girls [illegible], boys [illegible]
Names of pupils not absent during month:

Montford Green
Abram Davis
Paul Green
Elmer Ramer
Cecil Richards
Ethel Sawyer*
Mandus Jackson*
Edna Church
Amanda Anderson
Mayme Colegrove

Florence Gifford
Bertha Jackson
Rosa Boardman*
Pearl Green
Mary Kessler*
Florence Stuart*
Anna Servatius
Ethel Tull
Mattie Copley
Ora Campbell

W. P. Eckels, Principal.
Alice J. Bickers, Ass't.

R. C. Gleason is agent for the genuine Edison phonograph. Prices range from $7.50 up.

Carter's Jewelry.

Having replenished my entire stock in every line, I would call your attention especially to my watch bargains. Nowhere in the county can you find better and cheaper than here. My jewelry line is complete in rings, bracelets, scarf pins, brooches, chains, &c. Also a good line of diamonds carried in stock. Several styles of badge pins in the Protective Home Circle and Maccabee order. In silverware the best grade of goods made—Rogers Bros. 1847—consisting of tea sets, salad sets, berry spoons, cold meat forks, cake forks, jelly servers, tea spoons in several patterns, Knives and forks. Fine line of sterling goods. Clocks of every description from the finest porcelain to the nickle alarm and these I have in the luminous dials and in the spasmodic alarm. A good line of optical goods, and in our repair department we cannot be excelled. We expect to see all our old customers and shall be glad to see new ones.

Respectfully,

MRS. E. G. CARTER,
CALLAR BLOCK.

Spring Styles

IN FASHIONABLE
FOOTWEAR
AT STORE OF
Anderson & Carlson.

We have in stock all that is desirabable in the line of stylish, serviceable, and reliable footwear. Our immense stock contains shoes for all—Men's shoes Ladies' shoes and children's shoes—no matter for what purpose, you can find what you want at our store. We make a specialty of repairing.

Anderson & Carlson,
Boots and Shoes, Overshoes, Rubber Boots, Repairing, Etc.
SMETHPORT, PENNA.

Spring Patterns and Samples.

I have on hand a complete line of Spring patterns and samples, and can please my customers with up-to-date goods and workmanship. Call and get prices.

JOHN MILLER, The Tailor,
TRACEY BUILDING,
Main St. Smethport.

We Want Your Trade.

an exquisite line of

Neckwear,
Shirts,
Hossiery,
Hats.
Underwear,

A Full Assortment of Dent's and Fown's Celebrated Dress and Walking ....Gloves....

Also an immense line of fine and medium grade umbrellas for ladies or gentlemen. We call special attention to our beautiful stock of Children's Reefers, Blouse Suits and Top Overcoats.

Men's and Boy's Suits and Overcoats.

All New Goods. Prices the Lowest.

IKE SIMONS,
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New Arrivals.

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We must say a word or two about our Grocery Department. We have just received another new lot of T. & C.'s Best Flour. Began to think that we were shut out. Will sell at $1.25 as usual. Yes we sell Oak Leaf soap 7 cakes 25c, also Dingman's Gipsy, also best pure granulated sugar 5½c lb., 5 lbs. or 5,000 lbs. 8 lbs. best Oak Flake 25c Best Bacon 9c, Best Ham 11c. Best Cal. Ham 9c. Best leaf lard 5lb pail 43c. Best soda crackers 4 lbs. 25c. Canned fruits and veg. 9c can 3 for 25c, solid meat tomatoes at this price. Our 40 & 48c Tea is the Talk of the People it is the same that some others sell at 60 & 75c. U old T topers just give this a trial and it will mak U smil. We R still selling pure jelly 10c size tumblers at 5c each. We do not ask you 4 & 5c lb for cabbage, 3c will do, and 2c lb. for onions 20c pk. or 75c bu. The above prices should convince U that it is better to pay cash than it is to be robbed by the tick concerns.

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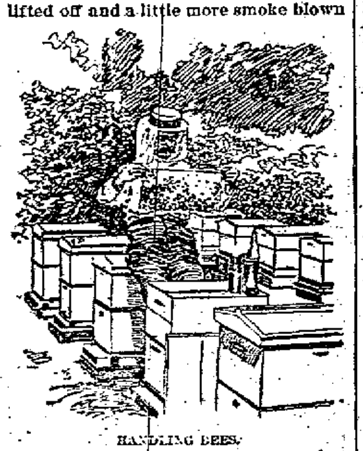
FARM AND GARDEN

HOW TO HANDLE BEES.

A Beekeeper's Ideas of Safe and Satisfactory Ways.

The prospective beekeeper will naturally be interested in "how to handle bees." A theory of the operation is thus set forth by a writer in Rural New Yorker: To become familiar with the habits and life of the honeybee in an intelligent and practical way it is of course necessary to use a movable frame hive of some sort. In order to meet their needs we must know what is going on inside the hive. When bees are in the field gathering honey or when swarming, they will never volunteer an attack, because they are then filled with honey, but when their little home is molested they will then act in self defense and resent the attack. It is therefore necessary to use a smoker of some kind. Before opening a hive send in a few puffs of smoke at the entrance to alarm them, and they will immediately rush for the combs and fill themselves with honey.

After smoking them it is well to wait a minute or two that they may gorge themselves. The cover can then be lifted off and a little more smoke blown in on top of the frames, and the bees will adhere nicely to the combs. With screwdriver or tack puller the division board can be removed and the combs pried apart and one by one examined without danger of being stung.


HANDLING BEES.

In an apiary where there are many bees flying it is always best to be on the safe side and wear a veil, but gloves are unnecessary and cumbersome. A beehive should not be pulled apart every few days for mere curiosity, but should be examined occasionally to ascertain the needs of the bees and condition. If the colony is weak, it can be strengthened by adding a frame or two of sealed brood taken from some other colony strong enough to spare it. It is well to select one kind of hives and frame, so that all the furniture of the hives will be interchangeable, and not have two or three kinds of hives in the apiary, which will surely cause a great deal of vexation and annoyance.

Bees should always be handled very gently. They seem to dislike quick, jerky movements. In early spring or autumn, when the days are cool, it is prudent not to open the hives until near midday, when the field bees will then be out gathering honey. On cloudy or rainy days it is best not to open hives, for the field bees are then at home and are cross, being deprived of the privilege of gathering the precious nectar.

At night is the very worst time to molest bees, as some pilfering persons have found out to their sorrow. It is true that bees do not fly at night, but they crawl and sting. By injudicious handling bees can be made very irritable and cross, so that they will sting everybody near and far and will remain angry and vicious for weeks.

Extra Early Potatoes.

If it is desirable to have potatoes seven to ten days ahead of those produced by ordinary field culture, place uncut tubers, blossom end up, in shallow boxes filled with sand. About quarter the length of the potato should protrude from the sand. Put the boxes in subdued light in a temperature of 50 or 60 degrees. From 25 to 30 days after the potatoes are thus started take the tubers from the sand and place in a field in the same position they occupied in the box. Potatoes treated in this way will be considerably earlier than if the seed is taken directly from the bin and planted in the ordinary manner, says an exchange.

A Favorite Lettuce.

When planning a garden, the many varieties of lettuce may well puzzle the novice.

Prize Head is apparently an American type and a favorite, being quite generally grown for family use. The plants are unusually vigorous and endure hot weather better perhaps than any other kind of equally good quality. They also do well in early spring and late fall. The heads are large and loose, sometimes two feet across, the leaves green, with reddish or brown tinge.

PRIZE HEAD LETTUCE.

Agricultural Brevities.

Spraying with bordeaux mixture will effectually control tobacco blight, according to Dr. B. D. Halstead.

George T. Powell considers currants among the most valuable of the small fruits for commercial culture. They have only one drawback—in late years they have been seriously attacked by insects.

According to Professor E. B. Vorhees, nitrate of soda has been found superior to both barnyard manure and mineral fertilizers alone for tomatoes, and nitrate of soda alone was on the whole but slightly less effective than complete fertilizers.

Many depleted lands need tillage more than humus or plant food. Usually they need both. Prepare the land thoroughly for the green crop. Plow when the land is most fit. In very hard clays try fall plowing, advises L. H. Bailey.

Few vegetables change their edible quality according to the soil they may be growing in as does the parsnip, says Meehan. To have the best results they should be sown very early, in very rich soil, where they may develop rapidly. In poor garden ground they have a slightly bitterish flavor when wild, and the roots are poor and stringy.

Their First Steps.

"A man goes wrong," said the social sage, "from pure cussedness; a woman out of mere curiosity."—Philadelphia North American.

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BARN SILOS.

Two Effective and Inexpensive Silos Built In an Old Barn.

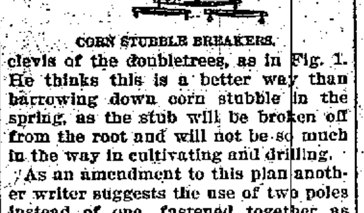
A good and effective silo can be built at a comparatively small cost, according to an American Agriculturist correspondent, who tells how he accomplished the matter: I have two small silos, one holding 40 and the other 60 tons. I raise and put into these silos on an average 90 tons of ensilage each year and find that this amount will carry 12 cows for six months. The smaller of the two silos was erected 12 years ago and is still doing good service. The other one was built eight years after. They were put up for a cash outlay of less than $20 each. Most of the labor was done by myself on days when it was too stormy for outside work.

The silos are built in the ends of two bays in the barn. The barn is old style, with no basement, the thrashing floors being raised about 4½ feet above the level of the ground. In building the silos a trench two feet deep was first dug under the three sills and across the bottom of the bay. This trench was filled with small field stone well rammed. A two foot wall of larger field stone laid in mortar was built on top of this and well cemented under the sills. It was only necessary to erect studding for one wall, using 2 by 10 plank 17 feet long, that being the height of the barn posts. The frame of the barn surrounding three sides of the bay joined the other walls. Unplaned spruce boards were nailed up and down on the frame inside and out. Tarred paper was then tacked over this course, lapping the paper six inches. A second course of boards was then nailed on, taking care to break joints. This made four courses of boards and two layers of paper on each wall—i. e., counting the inside and outside of wall.

A beveled board one foot wide was then nailed up and down the inside of each corner and the space behind filled with sawdust. The bottom or floor was dug out saucer shaped. Six inches of small stones were then put over the floor and rammed solid. Coarse, clean gravel was next tamped in until the spaces between the stones were thoroughly filled, and finally an inch of best Portland cement was then put on and floated off smooth. The cement was made with sand, four parts of the latter to one of cement. The door was made 32 inches wide and extended from plate to barn floor, the latter being four feet from bottom of silo. Two cleats were nailed on inside of door jambs from top to floor, and door sections were made of two thicknesses of boards to fit in the grooves made by the cleats. These sections are put in as the silos are being filled, and tarred paper is tacked on the inside and the silage thrown against it.

Breaking Down Corn Stubble.

Concerning the thrashing down of corn stubble in fields that are to be planted in oats an Ohio Farmer correspondent advises that the work be done when the ground is frozen hard, with an inch or less snow on. Get a straight pole about 33 feet long and about 4 inches in diameter at the smallest end. This will reach across eight or nine rows. Cut two notches around it about eight feet apart. Cut the notches nearer the butt than the top of the pole, as it is larger and heavier at that end, and then fasten a log chain around it in each notch and bring the ends together and fasten to the clevis of the doubletrees, as in Fig. 1. He thinks this is a better way than harrowing down corn stubble in the spring, as the stub will be broken off from the root and will not be so much in the way in cultivating and drilling.


CORN STUBBLE BREAKERS.

As an amendment to this plan another writer suggests the use of two poles instead of one, fastened together as shown in the second figure, which he says will work better. Bore two inch auger holes in poles and use good, tough pieces three feet long for crosspieces. Put the large end of the one with the small end of the other. Not more than 25 feet in length is advised unless the ground is very level.

How He Controls the Niter Nuisance.

A successful maple sugar maker has told The American Agriculturist how he avoids trouble with niter: I strain the sap, run into heater, then to pan, skim pan thoroughly, boil one day. When thick enough, strain through woolen strainer; then settle, pour off the settlings, put in sugar off pan, cleanse with white of eggs or milk or limewater and boil rapidly. When one-half done, remove from fire and strain through the thickest strainer it will go through. This last straining will remove all sand or lime. Put back, boil rapidly, skim off everything that is offensive. If making sirup, run it down rapidly until a gallon will weigh, can and all, 11¾ pounds. If running to sugar, have a pan of snow and run it so that after it is cold it will be brittle and crackle. Stir rapidly until partly cool and then turn into one, two or three pound cake dishes. When cool, it is ready for market.

News and Notes.

Of the agricultural exports from the United States to Europe during 1894-8 nearly 62 per cent went to the United Kingdom. Germany received 14.7 per cent, France 7.5 per cent, the Netherlands 4.0 per cent, Belgium 4 per cent, Italy 2.4 per cent, Spain 1.7 per cent and Denmark 1 per cent.

In an Ontario trial of three varieties of millet—Japanese panicle, Japanese barnyard and Hungarian grass—panicle headed the list with a yield of 6.4 tons per acre of green hay.

Angora goat raising appears to be finding much favor in southwest Texas, as well as in Washington and Oregon.

The Stone, Paragon, Ten Ton, Cumberland Red and Perfection tomatoes are all varieties that have been grown with advantage for canning factories.

Ginseng is getting scarce in a wild state, and as much as $4.75 per pound has been recently paid. It is now being profitably cultivated.

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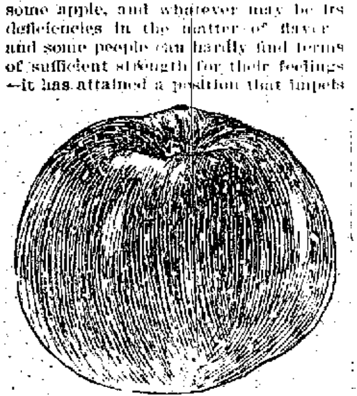
H. C. Wells.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while waiting for the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N.Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

THE BISMARCK APPLE.

Fruit a Handsome Giant—Tree a Heavy and Sure Cropper.

"Among recent novelties that have surely come to stay is this new handsome apple, and whatever may be its deficiencies in the matter of flavor—and some people can hardly find terms of sufficient strength for their feelings—it has attained a position that impels notice. After all, quality and flavor are not everything in an apple. But there is much confliction of opinion in regard to Bismarck, lavish praise and condemnation being about equal.


APPLE BISMARCK.

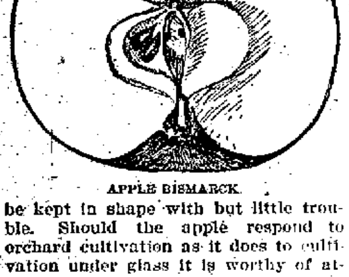
"Its quality certainly does not commend it very highly as a dessert apple, but a strong point in its favor is its early bearing, and this point may develop to be one of considerable importance. According to reports from England, Bismarck apple is a very profitable one for the London market, and it may therefore be worthy of attention by some of our fruit growers who raise for export." So says American Gardening and quotes the following from an English exchange:

"From the prices realized for it in the public markets it deserves all that can be written in its favor. We have often urged upon growers the necessity of going in for large, fine colored apples," such as the one under notice. It is not only very large, but it carries a beautiful color and when put up in an effective manner commands a ready sale and in quantity. It is a late variety—that improves it, in our opinion. When a late high grade apple like this can be obtained, it should be planted freely, for the demand and prices which prevail when supplies are obtainable prove this clearly.

"Bismarck is large in every respect. It is a veritable giant fruit in size, and its cropping properties are gigantic. It is, in fact, one of the heaviest fruiting late apples we have, and as such, all other points considered, it may safely be termed one of the finest apples in cultivation. The tree is a healthy and strong grower. For market purposes it is well suited, and if carefully grown the fruit put up in one and two layer boxes—preferably the former—will command a free sale at good prices. Sold thus it insures a demand from a well to do class of retail fruiterers."

To those who are interested in growing fruits in pots under glass the illustration presented by American Gardening will appeal strongly as showing the possibilities of the Bismarck. This fruit weighed full 14 ounces. The well known private gardener by whom it was grown said in regard to this variety of apple:

"The tree has a tendency to compactness in habit and therefore can be kept in shape with but little trouble. Should the apple respond to orchard cultivation as it does to cultivation under glass it is worthy of attention, although I do not consider it a first class fruit. Still its handsome appearance will more than counterbalance any weakness in quality. The fruit should be kept a considerable time before being used for dessert. It is one of the best croppers I know and produces fruits of a uniformly large size."


APPLE BISMARCK.

Rhubarb For Market.

Tie three stalks in a bunch around the butts with ordinary bunching twine. Tie large and small together, so that the bunches shall, as nearly as possible, average in size. If stalks are too small, put in four. Tie 12 of these bunches in a bundle at butts and tops. These bundles are the wholesale packages and are called a dozen, meaning, of course, a dozen bunches, but 36 stalks.—Rural New Yorker.

We have grown cabbage, peas and early sweet corn between strawberry rows with fair success. On Long Island the strawberry plants are often started in the corn crop. Some small early variety of corn is grown, and where it is well fed and tended the strawberries get a good start, says Rural New Yorker.

If we did but know how little some enjoy the great things that they possess, there would not be so much envy in the world.

An egg will settle coffee, but it takes money to settle a bill.—New York Weekly.

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THE REGENT DIAMOND.

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The "Pitt" or "Regent," as it was afterward called, is the most perfect brilliant in existence, and its history is also very remarkable. It is said to have been found by a slave in [illegible] in 1701, who, to conceal his treasure, cut a hole in the calf of his leg, in which he concealed it, although it is more probable he secreted it among the bandages. The slave escaped to the coast with his find, where he encountered an English skipper whom he made his confident, offering, indeed, to bestow upon him the stone in return for his liberty. The mariner, apparently consenting to the slave's proposal, took him out to sea and when there drowned him and took possession of the diamond. He disposed of the gem to a diamond merchant for £1000, it is said, the man afterward hanged himself in a fit of remorse.

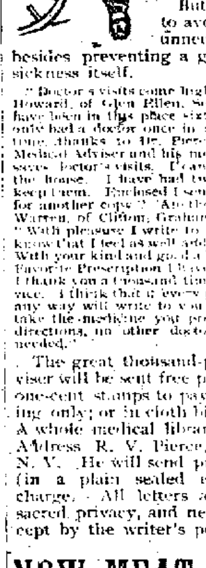
Mr. Pitt, governor of Fort St. George and great grandfather of the illustrious William Pitt, became the next possessor of this valuable stone, weighing 410 carats, for £20,000. He sent it to London, where he had it very skillfully cut at a cost of £5000, the process occupying two years. Pitt appears to have found his diamond no very enviable possession, for, after refuting the calumnies of his enemies, who had charged him with having obtained it by unfair means, he was so haunted by the fear of being robbed that he never slept two nights consecutively under the same roof, never gave notice of his arrival in or departure from town and went about mysteriously disguised. He must necessarily have felt greatly relieved when he parted with the diamond to the Duc d'Orleans, regent during the minority of Louis XV, King of France, in 1717 for the sum of £135,000.—Chambers' Journal.

One of Sothern's Fits.

"The late E. A. Sothern was an inveterate joker," said a man who knew the actor. "He would go to any amount of personal inconvenience and trouble to carry out one of his jokes, and I remember his telling me once with great glee how he had got into an empty stage in the lower part of Fifth avenue and succeeded in riding the length of the route and return without any one getting aboard or the company receiving any fares except his own. The manner in which he accomplished this he explained to be as follows:

"'The stage had proceeded some three blocks when it stopped to pick up a couple of women who had signaled it, whereupon Sothern, who could not of course be seen by the driver, began to dance up and down the interior of the stage, wave his arms about and grin and chatter in idiotic and expansive manner. The women decided that they would have none of that particular stage, as they did not consider riding with a lunatic as conducive to either health or quiet of nerves. With every subsequent would be passenger this maneuver was successfully repeated until the stage had returned to the original point where Sothern had boarded it, when, luckily for the receipts of the company, an important engagement compelled him reluctantly to leave it.'"—New York Tribune.

Doctors' Costly Visits.



Sickness in the family is hard enough to bear under the best of conditions. It almost always cuts off part of the regular income, and when on top of that it adds unreasonably to the expense it seems almost too great a burden for any family in moderate circumstances to endure. But there is a way to avoid most of these unnecessary expenses besides preventing a great deal of the sickness itself.

"Doctor's visits come high" says Mrs. [illegible] Howard, of Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co., [illegible] "I have been in this place sixteen years and have only had a doctor once in [illegible] thanks to Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser and his medicines. This book saves doctor's visits. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Warren, of Clifton, Graham Co., Arizona, says: "With pleasure I write to you [illegible] know that I feel as well and strong as [illegible] With your kind and good advice [illegible] Favorite Prescription [illegible] I thank you a thousand times for your good advice. I think that if every person [illegible] any way will write to you for advice [illegible] take the medicine you prescribe, according to directions, no other doctor's services will be needed."

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